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MIRIAM LAZAROWITZ

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2490]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2490) for the relief of Miriam Lazarowitz, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Miriam Lazarowitz shall be held and considered to be within the purview of section 203(a)(4) of that Act.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill as amended is to enable the beneficiary to qualify for fourth-preference status. The bill has been amended in accordance with established precedents.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 41-year-old native of Rumania and citizen of Israel who entered the United States from Germany on April 12, 1968, to visit her uncle and aunt who raised her after she was

orphaned as a child. They have no other living blood relatives, nor does she. She lived in Israel from 1954 to 1964 when she moved to Germany with her husband whom she married in 1962. It is stated that her marriage is unsuccessful and she desires to continue to reside with her uncle and aunt in Seattle.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 3, 1969, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., September 3, 1969.

A-17868082.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2490) for the relief of Miriam Lazarowitz, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of the date of its enactment upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that a visa number deduction be made.

The beneficiary, a native of Romania, is chargeable to the non-preference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 2490

The beneficiary, Miriam Lazarowitz, a native of Romania and a citizen of Israel, was born on January 14, 1929. She lived in Israel from 1954 to 1964 when she and her husband moved to Germany. She is the holder of a valid passport issued by Israel. The beneficiary now lives in Seattle, Wash., with an uncle who supports her except for small sums of money sent by her husband for incidental expenses. Her only assets are a \$350 savings account and personal property of nominal value. She completed 8 years of elementary school in Romania.

The beneficiary's parents are deceased. She was married in Israel in 1962. Her husband, a native of Romania and a citizen of Israel, lives in Germany.

The beneficiary entered the United States from Germany as a visitor for pleasure on April 12, 1968, and was authorized to remain until April 11, 1969. On April 23, 1969, her application for extension of her nonimmigrant status was denied, and she was directed to depart from the United States not

later than May 23, 1969. The date by which she was to depart was extended to July 1, 1969. The beneficiary failed to depart, and deportation proceedings were instituted against her on July 28, 1969, on the ground that she had remained in the United States for a longer time than permitted. She was accorded a hearing before a special inquiry officer on August 4, 1969, and was granted the privilege of voluntary departure with the alternative of deportation if she fails to depart when required.

Senator Warren G. Magnuson, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C., January 30, 1970.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On June 26, 1969, I introduced S. 2490, a private bill for the relief of Miriam Lazarowitz.

I am presently submitting the enclosed written information in support of this measure. I hope the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization will give this bill their early and favorable consideration.

Thank you for your many courtesies and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

WARREN G. MAGNUSON.

Enclosures.

JANUARY 8, 1970.

Hon. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
U.S. Senator, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

(Freely translated from the Rumanian)

MUCH ESTEEMED MR. MAGNUSON: I shall somehow in writing try to explain in detail my reason for desiring to remain in the United States. Since a child I have been an orphan without parents and have been raised by my mother's brother, my uncle Pincu Sachter, who now lives in Seattle. He and his wife are my only relatives, and I am their only relative. I am married, but the marriage is unsuccessful. I hope to obtain a divorce. My uncle and aunt with whom I have resided for 1 year provide for me, so I may not in need of work or dependent. Again I formally appeal to your good will to help me so that I may remain in this great democratic country, together with my family from now on.

Once again I appeal to you for your help and generosity. My uncle and aunt did not have children. I am all they have. They are all I have.

With much respect,

MIRIAM LAZAROWITZ.

HONOURABLE MR. MAGNUSON: I write you that letter with entreaty to give us your support in our case. We have not any children only our niece, which we consider she is like our daughter, her parents died when she was a child and she was growing up in our home. From World War II, I am suffering with a leg injury and I am not able to walk too much. My niece helps me to do housework and she is helpful. We hope to find understanding to help us be all together with our niece. We shall never forget your goodness to try to help us.

God bless you.

MATILDA SACHTER.

HONOURABLE MR. MAGNUSON: I write you this letter with hope that I shall find help and understanding for helping us to be together with my niece which is like our child because she was an orphan and I raised her like a parent. We haven't children and she is like our child because she hasn't other relatives than us, I and my wife.

Thank you very much for your good will which you have shown us and I hope you will help us as our small family to be together.

We shall never forget your goodness to try to help us.

God bless you.

PINCU SACHTER.

HON. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned, request that you give consideration to our petition for your intervention in the granting of a permanent visa to Miriam Lazarowitz. Miriam is an Israeli citizen in the United States on a visitor's visa which, after extensions, is scheduled to expire on July 1 of this year. We request this in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Pincu Sachter, her aunt and uncle, who are not themselves citizens, but who are immigrants from Rumania, in the United States on permanent visas.

We request your consideration of the following facts to aid you in your decision.

Miriam has been the ward of Mr. Sachter since she was 40 days of age. Her mother and father, who were unable to care for her in infancy due to illness, remanded her to the care of Mr. Sachter. They were both killed during World War II and she remained with Mr. and Mrs. Sachter as their daughter until she was 21, at which time she left Rumania to escape communism. The Sachters were not permitted to leave Rumania until many years later, at which time they came to the United States. Miriam was then able to rejoin her family, the only family she had ever known.

Mr. Sachter is a valued employee of the Bon Marche Department Store in Seattle, where he is a member of the data processing department. His loyalty to his family, his chosen country, his job, and his friends is above question. He, his wife, and Miriam are sincerely loved by everyone who has had the privilege of meeting them. Their family relationship is one of love and dependence on one another.

The United States was founded on many traditions and principles in which we take justifiable pride. Paramount among these is a sincere concern for the rights and well-being of others. Although we

cannot assert that it is her right to remain in this country, we do feel that it is for the well-being of the family that she be allowed to stay.

God contrived to make them a family and the laws of the United States can now affirm or deny His action. To describe the family in their own words, they are "of one heart." So are we.

NOTE: The committee files contain the signatures of 102 persons.

PACIFIC FISH CO.,
Seattle, Wash., January 14, 1970.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mrs. Miriam Lazarowitz for over a year and am pleased to say I have found her to be completely dependable and honest. It is my judgment, from everything I have observed or have heard about Mrs. Lazarowitz, that she would make a very desirable permanent resident in the United States, because her character is above reproach in every respect.

In fact, I am prepared to guarantee her employment on a full-time basis in the event she is permitted to stay. This employment would enable her to be financially independent and self-sustaining. If there are any questions about my ability to do so I am prepared to answer any further inquiries.

If any further information is desired about Mrs. Lazarowitz I can be contacted at the Pacific Fish Co., 617 South Dearborn St., Seattle, Wash.

Sincerely yours,

JEROME ALHADEFF,
President.

DECEMBER 3, 1969.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to assure that I am personally acquainted with Mrs. Miriam Lazarowitz and that I endorse the bill for her relief introduced by Senator Magnuson. Although I have had limited association with Miriam, the occasions have been sufficient to allow me to form initial impressions of her.

Miriam has impressed me as being an industrious, self-sufficient person. Despite her short time in the United States, she appears to experience no major difficulty in conversation. She is personally neat, as were her surroundings at the time of my visit.

Of particular interest to me is an apparent complete devotion between Miriam and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Pincu Sachter. I feel that this familial devotion, along with the love and respect she obviously shows for them, speaks highly for her character.

I have no reservation in recommending that she be allowed to remain in this country. I feel that she is potentially a fine and loyal citizen.

Yours truly,

C. A. SCHUTZMAN.

SEATTLE, WASH., December 3, 1969.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to bear testimony concerning the character and reputation of Mrs. Miriam Lazarowitz, who resides with her refugee aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Pincu Sachter.

Mrs. Lazarowitz has become an invaluable member of the Sachter family, especially her aunt who is very ill and crippled, by dedicating all of her time and efforts to the care of Mrs. Sachter.

Mrs. Lazarowitz is a person of high moral fiber, and in my opinion, a person who devotes so much of her time to the care of another, must be of good character and Christian foundation.

Sincerely,

BARRY ROSCHLAU.

THE BON MARCHE,
December 3, 1969.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Pincu Sachter since he came to work for me in 1967. I have had greater pleasure when I met his "family" when a small group of friends and coworkers helped Pincu move into a larger apartment. His wife Matilda, and niece Miriam Lazarowitz, we found, were very gracious and humble people. We were later invited for dinner and made to feel very much at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sachter have raised Miriam since she was 4½. Miriam is very devoted to her "parents" and they need her as they are along in their years. Mrs. Sachter is not a well person and needs the close help that Miriam is providing.

They are very much a family and I feel they should be together. They are indeed a credit to this country.

Very truly yours,

B. T. BAUMAN,
Programing Manager.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2490) as amended should be enacted.

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